

CALOTES NEMORICOLA, Jerdon.

An example brought by Mr. Barnes from Ceylon agrees well with the description given by Mr. Jerdon, who obtained his examples from the Nilgherries.

5. Note on *Ailurus fulgens*.

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(Plate XLI.*)

Ailurus fulgens is called by the Bhoteahs *Wook Dongka*, and by the Lepchas *Sincum*; but the name "*Wah*," by which it is usually known to naturalists, I have never heard applied to it. Possibly this may be the Nepalese term, though I have never been able to ascertain it. It might be worth while to consult Mr. Hodgson on the point, as I believe he has described the animal. It is usually found at an elevation of about 7000 to 9000 feet above the sea, and lives chiefly in trees in dense forests. I have never succeeded in getting the specimens which I had to eat animal food in any shape. They were fed chiefly on milk and rice, and browsed freely on grass and bamboo-leaves. Rose-leaves and peaches seemed also to be a favourite food with them. They drank the milk much more eagerly if a little sugar were mixed with it.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, this animal is unknown in the Himalayas of the North-west—but to my certain knowledge extends to the extreme east of the range, as in the beginning of 1868, when on the north-east frontier, I saw several natives (Mishmees) whose caps were made of the skin of the *Ailurus*. Dr. J. Anderson also informs me that skins were brought to him by the inhabitants of the countries through which he passed on his way to Bhamo, showing that it exists in those regions also. The animal's cry is very peculiar. When attacked or angry, it rises on its hind legs like a bear and emits a sound which can be very easily imitated by opening the mouth and drawing in the breath through the nose several times in quick succession; in fact it is a series of *snorts*, if I may use the expression. The usual cry of the animal, however, is quite different; it is very like the chirping of a bird, or a series of short whistles. The only other particular regarding the animal which I will here mention is its power of emitting a strong odour of musk when excited.

6. Additional Notes on the Genus *Ceyx*.

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As I stated in my recent paper on this genus (P. Z. S. 1868, p. 587), I had been in correspondence with Count Salvadori, of

* The figure is taken from Mr. Wolf's drawing of the individual brought home by Dr. Simpson, and now living in the Society's Gardens (Nov. 11th).—P. L. S.